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UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report from Vanceboro, Me.—Precautions taken on Canadian border to prevent importation of smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Young reports, February 5, as follows:

During the week ended February 4 the amount of travel through this port was small. I inspected 662 passengers, carried in 18 passenger and 12 freight trains. Of this number I vaccinated 15, and disinfected the baggage of 3.

The smallpox situation in New Brunswick has changed very little since my last report. No new cases have developed at Canterbury, and, so far as I can learn, those already reported are the only cases in York County, the quarantine having been raised at Burtts Corner. In Kings County the situation remains practically the same as one week ago, and this is true of Queens County. In Sunbury County a particularly dangerous state of affairs, affecting all intercommunicating places, exists. Of the more than 80 families in that county who to date have had the disease and who are now going at large, not 20 per cent have had even a pretense of disinfection in either home or person.

Report from Memphis, Tenn.—Smallpox

Surgeon Wasdin reports, February 7, as follows:

During the past two weeks 5 cases of variola have occurred in this city.

There appear to have been 2 points of infection. The first was in the person of a medical student who brought the infection upon his return from his Christmas vacation. The second was in the person of an unknown negro found dead in the suburbs of the city, and from whom the deputy health officer contracted the disease.

Although the greater number of these cases have occurred in the most thickly settled part of the city the measures taken by the health authorities promise an early suppression of the infection.